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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR §1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office Action dated December 13, 2002. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of

that Office Action.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no First Office Action on the merits has yet been received in the above-identified application.

A copy of the Search Report from the European Patent Office showing relevance of the attached references is also submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent Application No. 5,581,740 (Jones) apparently relates to a system for reading data from hard disks. Specifically, this invention relates to a system for storing and reading CD ROM data on hard disk drives emulating CD ROM drives. As such, the CD ROM server provides an intelligent storage subsystem controller, one or more hard disk drives which are dedicated to storing CD ROM images, one or more CD ROM drives, and software to manage the storage subsystem configuration.

U.S. Patent No. 5,633,839 (Alexander et al.) apparently relates to a music vending machine capable of recording a customer's music selections onto a compact disc. A microprocessor acts instructions received from a random access memory. A removable hard drive contains musical selections digitally stored thereon. The hard drive stores data in the random access memory and retrieves data from the random access memory as directed by the microprocessor. A monitor displays a list of available music selections and a list of customer selections. A CD writer and dispenser is controlled by the microprocessor to retrieve a blank compact disk from a CD

storage, record the customer's musical selections onto a compact disk, and dispense the compact disk.

European Patent Application No. 0 786 774 (Ozawa) apparently relates to an audio recording and reproducing apparatus. As such, the subject invention is connected to a network service center to obtain desired music data from storage of the network service center and to store it in the hard disc.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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